



*Defense Prisoner of War/Missing Personnel
Office*



Archival Research

National Personnel Records Center
St. Louis, Missouri



National Personnel Records Center – **St. Louis**

Individual Personnel Files (all services)

Army and Air Force Morning Reports

Army Unit Rosters

Medical and Dental Records

Payroll* Records



1973 National Personnel Records Center Fire Destroyed



- U.S. Army – 80% of records for Army personnel discharged between November 1, 1912, and January 1, 1960
- U.S. Air Force – 75% of records from with surnames Hubbard thru “Z” discharged between September 25, 1947, and January 1, 1964
- NO DUPLICATE copies exist



RESEARCHING YOUR CASE



Getting Records of Military Personnel from the Military Personnel Records Center

- No charge to next-of-kin family members. Just indicate the relationship to the former service member.
- Handouts on table provide forms (standard form 180) for ordering military records.
 - Web address
- <http://www.archives.gov/research/order/standard-form-180.pdf>
- Handouts on table provide other web addresses for research



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Our office has online access to over 75,000,000 veterans personnel records in St. Louis through an electronic finders-aid that will determine the status of the record after the fire of 1973. This is the starting point for our research.

note: This is an official government resource



Army/Air Force Records

Morning Reports

- prepared every morning as the first item of business in the company or squadron
- provides accountability of the servicemen



Medical/Dental Records



Records that were not destroyed in the fire of 1973 provide valuable information to our forensic personnel in identification



Unit Rosters for Army



- Unit rosters were published twice a year (1 January and 1 July)
- Reflects the strength and composition of the company before the loss incident and after the incident



Marine/Navy Unit Records



- Navy – Ship's logs and Unit diaries are maintained in the National Archives Records Administration (NARA) facility located in College, Park, Maryland and at the Navy Yard for detailed ship's logs
- Marine Corps – War diaries and daily diaries are located in the Archives in the College Park facility.